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Open Challenge to a Coward

Now, look here, Ted Kennedy, aren't you going a little too far in your pious adherence to the little-monkey-policy of "SEE NO EVIL - HEAR NO EVIL - SPEAK NO EVIL"? With Evil rampant all around you, with your two brothers slain, with your own harrowing experience at Chappaquiddick, you blandly continue to veil your eyes, plug your ears and swallow your tongue as if all was well in this best of worlds.

Maybe you did at one time really believe that your brother, the President, was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald (I don't think you ever did, but let's say it's barely possible, smarter people than you having been steamrollered by the Warren Report). But it's absolutely, totally impossible that you should still ignore the fact that your brother Robert wasn't killed by Sirhan.

After all, you must have heard of the Noguchi autopsy report, which was published last year, bootleg style. Someone in the crowd of friends, acquaintances and toadies that constantly surrounds you must have come upon a copy, read it, marveled at it and slipped it to you with the urgent request to have a good look. So you must know that this official document reveals - oh, in the blandest of terms - the basic fact that Bobby was shot at from two sides - and that means, to the dullest brain, that he had fallen victim to a conspiracy.

It is not possible either that you should have failed to hear about the affidavit which the nationally known criminologist and ballistics expert William W. Harper has filed on June 25, 1971, with the Los Angeles Superior Court and which states:

"During the past seven months I have made a careful review and study of the physical circumstances of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In this connection I have examined the physical evidence introduced at the trial, including the Sirhan weapon, the bullets and shell cases. I have also studied the autopsy report, the autopsy photographs, and pertinent portions of the trial testimony."

Here, then, is a highly qualified expert who, after a painstaking study of the physical evidence and the testimony arrives at these conclusions: 1. Two .22-caliber guns were involved in the assassination. 2. Senator Kennedy was killed by one of the shots fired from Firing Position B, fired by a second gunman. Firing Position B was located close to the senator, immediately to his right and rear. 3. The five bystanders that were wounded were shot by Sirhan from Firing Position A, located directly in front of the senator. 4. It is extremely unlikely that any of the bullets fired by the Sirhan gun ever struck the body of Senator Kennedy."

That, Ted Kennedy, is not speculation or rumor. It is hard, powerful, even official evidence. The fact that the scoundrels who organized the assassination pretend it doesn't exist doesn't excuse your silence or your scandalous inaction. You have a sacred duty to your country, your family, even to yourself, to pursue the second gunman - whose name is even known! - until you find him. If you don't, you will go down in history as the yellowest thing that ever blossomed on this earth. (Reproduction permitted)

"In other words, all the time that Clay Shaw was charged, the only time I would ever mention his name was to say -- as I said he must be presumed innocent until proven guilty. And anyway, to the contrary, during the Grand Jury hearing, in which they obviously tried to get an indictment and when they saw they weren't making progress on that Grand Jury they acted like they'd been busy trying to get wildlife violation indictments and so forth. And they're calling a special Grand Jury. They're going to get an indictment sooner or later because he's an expert liar and they will hear only these things. But meanwhile they're having one of the 10 defendants -- most of whom I've never seen before or heard of before -- the owners of the pinball machines, you see. Of course, a couple of pretty straight policemen, I think they're up in this building to make it look like the police and D.A.'s office is a teamwork operation. I really feel sorry for them because I think they're both straight. They were the only ones I recognized, and some businessmen who owned pinball machines, whom I don't recognize -- which happens to be legal in Louisiana. The only thing illegal is the payoff and we prosecute all of them.

"But the jury doesn't get a chance to find out what our usual procedure is. This is the first time in history there's ever been any serious prosecution in pinball cases. But, what happened was, to make a long story short, we found out from hotel employees that minutes after I paid it, it was immediately set aside and the Government people came in and counted the numbers. They were well prepared and then Pershing's testimony to them is: 'I had arranged for him to collect for me from the pinball people.' They have all kinds of tapes. They say things like: 'This guy can't come up with the two thousand.' And I say, 'Well, that's great.' It's all spliced and then dubbed on a single tape. And then what they do is they produced three or four of twenty-five Federal agents who say they heard it. It's a single tape. They heard it over the radio. That's what you saw done in the Warren Commission in a Federal investigation. They were very careful to select agents well on their way to their pension. And even then they were only given pieces, you see. They didn't have any danger of a new young agent saying, 'Just a minute. This doesn't fit right.' They know what they're supposed to say. So I've been framed like that, but I'll tell you, I'm going to beat the case because not only am I innocent, but everybody in the police department -- and I've had disagreements with them -- but they're literally outraged because they've never been backed before. Like the Narcotics squad. They used to lay under houses all night to make a case and it never came to trial. But they've never had a case fixed since I've been in office and they know it. And from the Chief of Police down through the whole police department they're thoroughly outraged.

"And I think it's been a negative reaction in the community, too. I don't know about the rest of the country but the City knows that I have been communicating that our Federal Government at the top is corrupt and they use the Justice Department to accomplish that injustice. And the C.I.A. is their Gestapo. It was originally an extension of the Pentagon although there are indications now that because of the accumulated power of the C.I.A. that there is now a real underground conflict. There are early signs of disintegration, because we never stop to think that this fantastic expenditure of money was not for any capital assets. It was dropping it in the Pacific. And so they've lost Wall Street which is finally why they lost the Times which was swinging with them all that time and apparently they're finally about to lose the Los Angeles Times which was swinging with them all the way with pro-war editorials, and all of a sudden you're beginning to see the truth about Viet Nam and all of a sudden the wind is beginning to blow. I haven't read it but somebody told me -- but even the Times, while hardly complimentary, can't be compared to the way they used to write about me. In other words, the wind has changed. So I guess if you live long enough maybe occasionally justice does triumph...

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TL readers will be interested to know that my rebuttal of Dr. Gattimer's phony report on the JFK autopsy ("More Fraud and Trickery") was reprinted integrally in the March 2 and 9 issues of Penn Jones' famous "Midlothian Mirror." - Thanks, Penn.

VERY PERCEPTIVE!
THE CIA "ANTI-WAR"
POSITION REFLECTS
CORPORATE INTERESTS.

Robert Houghton, the LAPD Chief of Detectives (later Deputy Chief of Police), who conducted an ostensibly painstaking investigation of the Robert Kennedy killing (think of it, 4,818 persons interviewed and over \$1 million in taxpayers' money spent!) took no interest whatsoever in the movements and actions of Cesar and mentions him in his book with only one insignificant line.

On the other hand, Robert B. Kaiser exhibited a little more curiosity in this man as the following excerpts from his book show:

"Cesar, the armed guard, also saw the gun. 'I saw a hand sticking out of the crowd,' says Cesar, 'between two cameramen, and the hand was holding a gun.' Cesar says he was blinded by the brilliant lights, moved toward the gun, then saw a red flash come from the muzzle. 'I ducked,' says Cesar, 'because I was as close as Kennedy was. When I ducked, I threw myself off balance and fell back and when I hit... (dots in the original text - J.J.) I fell against the iceboxes and the Senator fell down right in front of me.'" (p.26)

"From the floor, Thane Cesar watched others pile on the man with the gun. Then he rose, pulled his own gun and moved - too late - to the side of Kennedy, to protect him from further attack..." (p.28)

"Barry (a regular Kennedy bodyguard - J.J.) fought through the crowd that was now gathering around Kennedy. 'Put that gun away,' he said to Thane Cesar, the security guard. He put the coat lying next to Kennedy under his head..." (p. 29)

Cesar, then, was "as close as Kennedy was" to the gun blazing in front of the two men. But he had not been walking by the Senator's side, for the latter was being escorted by Becker and Minasian. Cesar was a few steps behind Kennedy. He pulled his own gun in a split second after Sirhan started firing - and conspicuously failed to act the way a security guard is supposed to do.

All this would not necessarily have a sinister significance, but for the inescapable fact that Dr. Noguchi's autopsy report revealed that the gun that killed Kennedy was held one inch away from the inside of his right ear and that the bullet traveled "right to left, slightly to front, upward." That description fits the known position of Cesar to a "T."

Consider also Sirhan's position in that instant. Cesar, in ~~immediately~~ his own words, "saw a hand sticking out of the crowd... and the hand was holding a gun." This jibes exactly with the observations of Minasian ("And I saw a hand extended with a revolver") and of Di Pierre ("He kind of motioned around him and stuck the gun straight out"). Then, Cesar says, he moved toward the gun, saw it explode and ducked - a gun, mind you, that was behind Kennedy's ear, as the autopsy was to prove! The total giveaway, of course, is Cesar's assertion that he saw a red flash come from the muzzle. How can anybody see a red flash come from a muzzle that is pressed against a body one inch away?

And that shot was the first one, according to the official version. To quote again from Mr. Kaiser's "R.F.K. Must Die!" (p.384): "At that point, said Filte (prosecutor at the Sirhan trial - J.J.) Sirhan stepped from a tray rack toward Senator Kennedy, reached into his waistband, extended his right arm, brought his right hand near Robert Kennedy's head and fired eight shots. It is probable, he said, that the first shot resulted in the death of Senator Kennedy twenty-five hours later..."

So here we have an assassin's gun turned simultaneously toward his victim - pointblank - and away from him toward a bodyguard who sees the red flash come from its muzzle. We have an assassin who, after shooting his victim in the head, fires two more shots into his arm pit and then turns his weapon on the crowd while being overwhelmed and squeezed against a steam table. And we have a security guard who ducks in fear for his own life, although the gun he is so afraid of is firing away from him, hitting three times another man's body that is in front of him. Clearly an impossible sequence of events. No contentionist on the stage ever performed an act like the supposed killing of Robert Kennedy by Sirhan.

What really happened, then?

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Indeed, in the September 1970 issue of "American Opinion," organ of the right-wing John Birch Society, Medford Evans presented a picture of the assassination that could have come from my pen except for a few minor disagreements on details. Mr. Evans did so in the context of a review of Albert R. Newman's "The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: The Reasons Why," a clumsy, pseudo-scholarly attempt to explain Oswald's alleged crime in terms of a deep attachment to the cause of Fidel Castro and an ingrained hostility to all (notably General Edwin A. Walker and, supposedly, President Kennedy) who were opposed to him. Damning Newman with faint praise for the thoroughness of his effort, Medford Evans makes it perfectly clear that he doesn't believe at all things happened the way that author presents them. The following are literal excerpts from Evans' startling comments on that book:

"I'm sorry. It just won't go away. People are still writing, and thinking, about the Kennedy assassination. Funny. You don't have to say which Kennedy assassination you mean. Robert Kennedy was killed much more recently, but it is J.F.K.'s murder that people remember. After all, he was President - which Bobby might have been but never was.

"I think there is a feeling, too, that what happened in Los Angeles in June 1968 was a consequence of what had happened in Dallas nearly five years earlier - the coup d'état (italicized in the original! - J.J.) of November 22, 1963."

Let me stop here for a moment to point out that to my knowledge nobody but Jim Garrison (and an obscure West Coast writer named Stanley J. Marks) has ever endorsed before my unswerving contention that the murder of John F. Kennedy was nothing short of a camouflaged coup d'état. It is gratifying that so much insight should have penetrated the ranks of the John Birch Society - which, incidentally, ought to know what's what, for some of its topflight members were involved in that very same coup d'état. To revert now to the comments of Medford Evans:

"The assassination of John F. Kennedy is a landmark in history, perhaps as important as that of Julius Caesar, though for somewhat different reasons. Caesar's assassins were and are known, and the deed was great (which is not to say good) because the man was great. Kennedy was not a great man, though he represented a great system, and his assassins are not yet known - not, at any rate, to the general satisfaction. The case is far from closed in the court of public opinion. That is why books keep coming out to prove, or disprove, that Lee Harvey Oswald did or did not kill the President, that he did or did not act alone, and that he did or did not have a political motivation.

"There is by now a fairly general consensus that the Warren Commission's Report is not the last word on the subject in a figurative sense, as it certainly is not in a literal sense. New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison failed in his first effort to convict Clay Shaw, failed in a word to convince a jury and a very large snare of the public that he, Garrison, had discovered just how the conspiracy to kill John Kennedy was formed and operated. But Garrison succeeded in irreparably damaging the credibility of the Warren Commission. I don't know that I believe Clay Shaw did it, but I darned sure don't believe that Lee Harvey Oswald did it all by himself, (italicized in the original - J.J.) perhaps expresses what is now felt by a majority of Americans who take an interest in the subject - and that includes a lot of Americans."

For my part, I'm not sure that the eyes of the American public have already been opened to the extent that there exists now a "fairly general consensus" that the Warren Report was all wrong, because the overwhelming majority of American news media continue to defend the sanctity of the Report and to attack those who question its findings. Needless to say, no one knows better that the Warren Report was a coverup and that a coup d'état did happen at Dallas than those very same publishers and editors who throw all their resources into the battle against the Truth and will doubtless continue to do so, as the Dr. Lattimer performance has most recently shown. They all know the true facts, but they will not lift a finger to help reveal them to the public because they are part and parcel of a monstrously evil system that abetted or condoned the crime of Dallas and allowed the guilty ones to get away with it. (to be continued)